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Ms. Maria Gagliardi

Dear Ms. Gagliardi:

This is in response to your March 19, 2011, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for all information available on the breeder of your pet store puppy, Noah Cressel. Your request was received in this office on March 21, 2011, and assigned case number 11-344. We apologize for the delay of this response.

Agency employees conducted a thorough search of their files and located 13 pages of responsive documents. However, we withheld information pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). This exemption protects confidential business information (CBI) from disclosure when release would cause substantial harm to the competitive position of an individual, a partnership or a corporation from whom the information was obtained.

Information has also been withheld under FOIA Exemption 6, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This exemption protects information from disclosure when its release would cause a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, we withheld information under FOIA Exemption 7(C), 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C). This exemption protects from disclosure records or information collected for law enforcement purposes when its release could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You may appeal our partial denial of this information. If you choose to appeal, your appeal must be in writing and must be received within 45 days of the date of this letter. Send to:

Administrator  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Ag Box 3401  
Washington, D.C. 20250-3401

Please refer to FOIA 11-344 in your appeal letter and add the words "FOIA Appeal" to the front of the envelope. To assist the Administrator in reviewing your appeal, provide specific reasons why you believe modification of the determination is warranted.

If you have any questions, please contact the FOIA Office at (301) 734-8296.

Sincerely,

*Katy Vagnoni*

for: Tonya G. Woods

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